

What an extraordinary week!

Several days of breakneck travel across the 19 counties of Indiana's 6th Congressional District were followed by an inspiring end-of-the-week radio broadcast on Network Indiana, just blocks away from the final preparations for the World War II Memorial dedication here in Washington.

This job of being a United States congressman always seems to ebb and flow between the practical work of an ombudsman to the sublime moments of significance to the nation. This week was no different.

As I wrote in earlier entries, our five-city tour with the Medicare Drug Card Fairs was an unqualified success. As you can read from the press coverage linked below, by the end of our week we had personally met with more than 1,000 seniors across eastern Indiana and I am convinced we made progress in explaining the genuine benefits and savings available to them.

By the end of the week, I returned to Washington to guest host the GARRISON radio show in Indiana from my studio on Capitol Hill. Just talking with veterans and surviving family members on the airwaves of Indiana about what this weekend and this new memorial means to that generation was truly inspiring.

As I drove by the World War II Memorial after the radio program, I breathed a prayer that those 56 pillars and the bronze wreaths on each one would be a comfort to the families who lost their loved ones in the name of freedom.

As our family prepares to head home for a weekend with friends and family at picnics, parades and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, I am confident that the high point of my weekend will be the opportunity to speak at a noon ceremony in my hometown to commemorate and remember those who never came home and whom we must never forget.

Happy Memorial Day. mrp